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### REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 11, 2007. Claims 1-58 were pending. The Office Action indicates that claims 1-8, 10, 12-14, 16-18, 21-29, 33-35, 40-53 and 56 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 9, 15, 19, 30, 36, 54, 55, 57 and 58 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter, and claim 20 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 9, 11, 15, 19, 30-32, 36-39, 54, 55, 57 and 58 are presented for reconsideration, with claims 9, 15, 19, 30, 36, 54, 55, 57 and 58 being in independent form.

Claims 9, 15, 19, 20, 36-38, 55, 57 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,618,749 to Saito et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,043,904 to Nickerson. Claims 11, 30-32, 39 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Saito in view of Nickerson and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,134,501 to Satomi et al.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 9, 15, 19, 30, 36, 54, 55, 57 and 58 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

Saito, as understood by Applicant, proposes an Internet facsimile system configured to detect whether (or not) a received e-mail is delivery status notification mail.

As acknowledged in the Office Action, Saito does not teach or suggest, however, storing a registered destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be delivered.

Nickerson, as understood by Applicant, proposes a printing system wherein job confirmation is transmitted to one or more confirmation destinations, after the print job is (at least partially) processed.

The Summary section of Nickerson (column 2, lines 38-65), states as follows:

In accordance with a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a transmission job originating station for use in a printing system with a printing machine for producing a set of prints from a print job, including a set of image data, in accordance with a job ticket. The job ticket includes a set of job execution attributes with each job execution attribute being associated with a programmable set of information for defining the corresponding job execution attribute. A first one of the programmable sets of information instructs the printing system as to a manner in which job information is generated when at least a portion of the set of image data is processed in accordance with the job ticket. The transmission job originating station, which controls transmission of the job information to the one or more output

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confirmation destinations, includes: a document generating subsystem for providing at least a portion of the print job to be delivered to the print machine; *a user interface, communicating with said document generating subsystem, for programming a second one of the programmable sets of information, the second set of information including one or more confirmation destinations* with each confirmation destination being disposed remotely of the transmission job originating station; and *a control subsystem which, in response to processing at least a portion of the image data at the printing machine, reads the second set of job information and determines each confirmation destination, programmed with said user interface, to which the job information is to be transmitted.*

Thus, while Nickerson proposes sending confirmation information to one or more confirmation destinations, the confirmation destinations are specified in the job ticket which accompanies the print job transmitted from the job originating station to the printing device (such as printer or multi-function device).

However, in the system proposed by Nickerson, the confirmation destination is not registered in a memory or storage means of the network facsimile device, prior to reception of the mail delivery notification.

Satomi, as understood by Applicant, proposes a facsimile machine configured to register names of remote stations with which communications are often carried out. If a communication error occurs in a communication with one of such registered remote stations, an error report is output.

Applicant simply does not find teaching or suggestion in the cited art, however, of a network facsimile device comprising storing means for storing a mail address of a registered destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered wherein said destination address is registered in said delivery notifying partner storing means, prior to reception of an electronic delivery confirmation mail, as provided by the subject matter of independent claim 9 of this application.

Independent claims 15, 19, 30, 36, 54, 55, 57 and 58 are patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 9, 15, 19, 30, 36, 54, 55, 57 and 58 and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

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The Office Action indicates that claims 1-8, 10, 12-14, 16-18, 21-29, 33-35, 40-53 and 56 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the final Office Action and submits that the allowed claims recite subject matter which further supports patentability for reasons in addition to those identified in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the final Office Action.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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